

## Notes from the Put-In



*It is with excitement, nervousness and a bit of sadness that I send you this letter to let you know that my tenure with the ACA National Office is coming to a close. I have accepted a position with REI to fill the role of Curriculum and Training Specialist for REI.*

*The past 5 years has been an excellent example of what we can do when we work together. A great deal has been done through the combined efforts of the instructors in the field, the SEIC and the National Office Staff. This is clearly evident when you look at the courses and resources that have been produced and are available to paddlers of all abilities and levels.*

*Please know that I will continue to support the ACA in any way possible and hope to continue the friendship with each of you on a personal and professional level. I welcome any and all correspondence with you via email or in-person.*

*In case you are wondering, my final day will be April 27, 2011.*

*Thanks and I hope to see you out on the water!*

*Jeremy*

## ACA Job Posting - Safety Education & Instruction Coordinator

**Department:** Safety Education, Instruction & Outreach Department

**ACA Mission:**

Founded in 1880, The American Canoe Association (ACA) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport competition and recreation.

**Department Overview:**

The Safety Education, Instruction and Outreach Department manages all aspects of the ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program. In addition, this department coordinates a range of safety and educational initiatives that promote the enjoyment of paddlesports. This department also oversees the event outreach component of the ACA.

**Position Description:**

The Safety Education & Instruction Coordinator position has primary oversight of the day to day management of the National Paddlesports Instruction Program. This includes working with other staff, individual instructors, the general public, and the appropriate committees and councils of the ACA. The SEI Coordinator must work with a high level of diligence and courtesy while enforcing a national paddlesports standard. This position reports to the ACA Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director.

**Job Duties:**

- Manage the ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program based on Safety Education and Instruction Council (SEIC) and Board of Director approved policies
- Manage instructor program and database based on SEIC approved policies; keep instructor records current and ensure policy adherence:
  - Process course registrations and course reports
  - Process reported instructor certifications
  - Maintain instructor certification database
  - Conduct yearly instructor audit
- Work as directed with the national Board of Directors, SEIC, and other committees and groups with regard to paddlesports education and outreach related issues
- Potential travel to conferences, instruction programs, and meetings to further ACA position and address education and outreach issues
- Manage and coordinate distribution of educational resources

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- Manage portions of the ACA website and social networking sites
- Manage general education and safety queries from general public and others
- Communicate appropriately and effectively with the general public
- Provide staff assistance at programs and events as needed
- Work related travel: 10-15%
- Other duties as assigned

#### Qualifications:

- Possess strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to solve problems and handle issues of a complicated / complex nature
- Use creativity and attention to detail while handling multiple tasks and meeting assigned deadlines
- Ability to interpret policies and guidelines (with training)
- Possess essential computer skills including email, excel, word processing, and database management
- Ability to lift and move equipment and materials up to 50 pounds
- College degree required
- Be able to manage all personal care and mobility independently
- Must have a valid driver's license
- ACA Instructor Certification encouraged, but not required
- Enjoy working with people and contributing to a pleasant work environment
- Must be a self starter and able to develop projects that further the ACA's mission

#### Compensation:

- Salary: Depends Upon Experience
- Insurance: Health, Vision, Dental, Life, AD&D, STD, LTD
- Vehicle:
  - With appropriate driving record & pre-approval
  - this position has access to an ACA Subaru for work and personal use
- Retirement: 401K plan
- Vacation & Paid Leave:
  - 2 weeks paid vacation
  - 13 paid holidays
  - 9 sick/personal days

#### Additional Information:

- Typical work schedule: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
- Location: ACA National Office, Fredericksburg, VA
- Applications accepted until: Monday, April 18, 2011
- Expected start date: May 18, 2011 (*negotiable*)

Please send cover letter and resume via mail or email to (*no phone calls please*):

American Canoe Association  
c/o Chris Stec  
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Fredericksburg, VA 22407  
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### *What can I Teach?*

*Jeremy Oyen – ACA SEI – Outreach Director*

This has been a question that is often heard during certification courses and phone calls to the ACA National Office. You would think that the answer would be a simple one, and yes it is, but you need to understand the history, current goal and premise behind the question and the answer.

If you have been around the ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program as long as some of us (including me circa late 80s / early 90s) and others (Sam F) you might remember the days when new Instructors were told that in order to have your courses considered to be “ACA” courses, you needed to teach exactly what was on the course outline and pretty much in the order that it was shown. Otherwise you were not following proper protocol. THIS IS NOT THE CASE ANYMORE!

If you look at ACA Instructor Certification as it has been designed and as a teaching protocol, the answer to the initial question of “What can I teach?” is simply answered as follows:

ACA Instructors are certified to teach any and all of the content that is included in the sample course outlines and skills assessment courses up to and including their level of certification.

Another way to explain this is to compare the content in the skills and assessment courses as a body of knowledge that ACA Instructors have demonstrated the ability to teach and evaluate. As a resource, the SEIC has developed **Sample Course Outlines** for instructors to use as templates if they see fit. These sample outlines are posted on the web for review and potential use.

No matter what outline you might use, effective instructors tailor the courses to the needs of the participants. By tailoring your courses to address specific areas of focus or specialization, instructors can actually increase the performance of the student and the effectiveness of the instruction. You can also use this sequencing or progression of courses / lessons to keep your students engaged in the learning environment, developing a long-term continuing education model allowing individuals to progress to higher levels at their own pace.

Such progressions are the foundation of skill development and long-term participation in an activity that we all see and a life-skill worth knowing for the serenity, excitement and love of the outdoors.

Once Instructors understand that they are able to teach the content they see appropriate for their students and the course venue, the context of the question first posed “What can I teach?” starts taking on a new meaning. Now the question becomes a reflective question that addresses the needs of the students and what the instructor can share to continue the growth of paddlesports – one paddler at a time.



### *ACA Instructor Program for Jackson Kayaks*

Jackson Kayak would like to have those ACA instructors who are “actively influencing the next generation of paddlers in a positive manner” teaching in a Jackson kayak. The following ACA/Jackson instructor program has been developed to provide this opportunity.

ACA Instructors who have taught and reported to the ACA, a minimum of 50 students a year will be eligible to be considered for the instructor discount program with Jackson Kayak.

The kayaks available to ACA Instructors are to be models out of which the ACA instructor will teach.

The ACA Instructor will receive a discount of 35% off retail pricing, plus the cost of shipping, from his/her local Jackson Kayak dealer:

The ACA SEI Department will track the number of students an instructor teaches and reports to the national office through current ACA course reporting procedures. [sei@americancanoe.org](mailto:sei@americancanoe.org)

When an instructor wants to purchase a Jackson Kayak, that instructor will submit his/her request to the SEI Department utilizing the attached form along with a letter from your employer / club verifying that you are currently instructing.

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The SEI Department will contact Jackson Kayak and provide the Instructor's information and verification of eligibility. If the instructor has met the required criteria, Jackson Kayak will introduce the ACA instructor to that instructor's nearest Jackson dealer.

Since this ACA Instructor is "actively influencing the next generation of paddlers in a positive manner" within the Jackson Kayak dealer's territory, the Jackson Kayak dealer will probably already have a relationship with this instructor. If this relationship does not exist, this program is designed to help foster increased relationships and partnerships between ACA instructors and Jackson dealers.

If approved by the Jackson Kayak dealer, the dealer will place the instructional discount boat order directly with the Jackson Kayak factory. The boat will be delivered to the Jackson Kayak dealer, where the instructor will pick up his/her new Jackson kayak.

### ACA-Jackson Kayak Instructor Program Logistics

- Boats acquired through this program should not be resold within a period of one year from the date of the purchase.
- Instructors are allowed to purchase one boat per year on this program.
- If an instructor is interested in purchasing fleet of educational boats from Jackson Kayak they can speak with Colin Kemp. [colin@jacksonkayak.com](mailto:colin@jacksonkayak.com)

## SEIC Meeting Update

A couple of quick notes about ACA instruction changes approved at the recent ACA SEIC and Board of Directors meetings in Savannah, GA.

- Changed Requirements for Level 4: Open Water Coastal Kayaking Instructors:  
L4: OWCK certification cannot be completed unless during some period three of the four conditions (one must be surf) necessary for rough water assessment are present during some portion of the certification course. Specified conditions must occur, but they do not have to be simultaneous. Area of escape from rough conditions must be accessible. The four criteria include:
  - 3-5 foot seas
  - 15-20 knot winds
  - 2-4 foot surf
  - 2-4 knots of current
- The Safety and Rescue Committee received approval for a 1-day crossover course that would allow L3+ River Canoe and River Kayak instructors to become certified as L3 River Safety and Rescue Instructors
- The Safety and Rescue Committee received approval for housekeeping changes to L4 and L5 Swiftwater Rescue curricula
- Accepted a Sit on Top L2 Kayaking Instructor Certification with associated Criteria and Course, and an associated L3 Curriculum and Certification pending its approval by the Coastal Kayak Committee
- Approved revisions to the current Canoe Camping endorsement and course making the endorsement generic to multi-discipline endorsement for Touring Canoe, River Canoe, River Kayak, and Coastal Kayak. Also approved sample discipline-specific camping skills course outlines
- Approved a motion for SEIC to develop teacher criteria for a classroom based paddlesports safety class

All corresponding documentation for the changes mentioned above will be reflected on the redesigned ACA website available in early April.

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## New Website

In early April, the ACA will be launching a newly redesigned website.

There will be a range of new features such as:

- Easier navigation
- More online forms
- Enhanced calendar
- Increased search options
- Ability to join and communicate with various groups (aka Clubs, Instructors, Divisions, etc)

Starting on Wednesday, March 16th:

- Join / Renew / Member Log In functions will cease on the current website in preparation for the data transfer to the new website

If you need any assistance with joining the ACA, checking your membership status, or renewing dues, please contact the [Membership Department](#) until the new website launches.

Thank you for your understanding as we make this transition.

## Teaching Paddling Through Play



Do you have a favorite activity you use to “Teach Paddling through Play?” Laurie Gullion, long-time instructor trainer and author, is updating her book *Kayak and Canoe Games* with the help of Janet Burnett Cowie, Director of Instruction Programs at Zoar Outdoor. Both Laurie and Janet agree that some of the most successful teaching happens at that moment the student forgets they are learning and just has fun. Having a resource like this book, to draw on a multitude of various activities, games and creative moments is a helpful tool for any instructor. Janet notes that “many of the activities we use in paddlesport education are either modified from

our favorite land games or created new to fit a particular need in paddlesport.” This book will include activities on land and in the water covering a variety of topics such as safety, warm-up, moving current and anything in between. Submissions are welcome for all forms of paddle craft, including (but not limited to) river and coastal kayaking, canoeing as well as Stand-up paddle boards. “We are looking for new ideas or something that is unique to your organization”, said Laurie “I’m equally interested in the history of the activity as the activity itself.” If you would like to share your favorite idea and the story behind it, feel free to contact us at [teachpaddleplay@gmail.com](mailto:teachpaddleplay@gmail.com). We will send you a submission form for your activity which could be included in the next edition of “Teaching Paddling through Play”. Game on!

## National Safe Boating Week – May 21-27, 2011

Start your planning now to help celebrate and promote National Safe Boating Week. We (the ACA) are looking to highlight Club and Organization events on the ACA Event Calendar that will be held during National Safe Boating Week.

If you have an event planned (not just a class, but an open to the public event) please send information to [sei@americancanoe.org](mailto:sei@americancanoe.org) with the subject line of National Safe Boating Week.

Events will be promoted through the ACA website, Quarterly Newsletter and of course the SEI Focus.

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## 2011 EXCURSIONS

- **Sea Kayaking - Bahamas**

Paddle the beautiful Southern Exuma Cays, the most beautiful place on earth, on our kayak adventure! Seven mile paddle days between secluded beaches await adventurers and relaxers alike. Snorkeling, shelling, fishing, and bird watching are just some of the daily activities that await you on the adventure you'll remember forever. This excursion is a guided island to island sea kayaking adventure in the Exuma Cays. First and last nights' lodging, dinner the night before and all meals and beverages while camping are included, as well as boats, camping and snorkeling gear, round trip airport transfers and internal transportation, and services of O.I.E staff.

**Dates: June 11-18, 2011**

**Cost: \$1,395.00 per person**

**Registration: Contact [Out Island Explorers \(goexuma@outislandexplorers.com\)](mailto:goexuma@outislandexplorers.com) / 256-365-5686**



- **Wilderness Canoeing - Grand Ronde, Oregon & Washington**

One of Slickrock Expeditions favorite western canoe trips, this is a 100-mile excursion down the fast-flowing Wallowa-Grande Ronde River as it winds through the remote Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington. *Western Whitewater* describes the Grande Ronde as "one of the most scenic river trips in the Pacific Northwest." And *Oregon River Tours* says, "There are few river trips in Oregon that can surpass the Grande Ronde as a wilderness experience." The Wallowa-Grande Ronde flows north out of Oregon's Elkhorn and Wallowa Mountains ("the Oregon Alps"), in the northeastern



corner of the state, enters Washington, then curves east and joins the Snake River, at Heller's Bar, on the Idaho border. The Grande Ronde's water is clear and fast, with a whitewater rating of Class II-II+. While paddling and camping through beautiful western canyons up to 3000' deep, we'll see the landscape various dramatically from lush green forests to treeless rimrock. On past trips we have seen deer, elk, bear, bighorn sheep, moose, coyotes, river otters, and eagles. We'll canoe the river for 5 days, coming out at Heller's Bar, then settle in for a comfortable night and breakfast at the Reflections Inn B&B, along the Clearwater River, in Idaho. As a "paddling extra," on the last day we'll canoe a beautiful Class II stretch of the South Fork of the Clearwater, then drive to Boise along the scenic Salmon and Payette Rivers. Trip starts and ends in Boise. Cost includes transportation from Boise, boats and all paddling gear, all camping equipment, food, shuttling, and the final night and breakfast at the Reflections Inn. Sign up and bring your clothing; everything else will be ready to go when you arrive!

**Dates: July 3-10, 2011**

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**Cost: \$1,675.00 per person**

**Registration: Contact Slickrock Expeditions ([Slickrock@dnet.net](mailto:Slickrock@dnet.net)/828-293-3999)**

- **Rafting - Main Salmon River, Idaho**

Experience the ever changing Salmon River with heart pounding white water, wild waves and deep holes. These roller coaster rapids are great rides, with thrills and excitement to get your adrenaline going. Relax in the calm water between the rapids. Catch your breath, enjoy the scenery from steep granite cliffs to grassy meadows. Join in family fun activities, hot springs, water fights and volleyball on the beach. Enjoy a pampered existence with attention to detail, gourmet cuisine, calm deep pools for relaxation, swimming or fishing. Surround yourself with the beauty of wilderness mountains and a canyon deeper than the Grand Canyon. Camp on white sandy beaches sheltered by giant ponderosa pines. Be dazzled by a star filled sky.



**Dates: August 13-17, 2011**

**Cost: \$1,477.00 per person**

**Registration: Contact [Action Whitewater Adventures](mailto:guideinfo@riverguide.com) ([guideinfo@riverguide.com](mailto:guideinfo@riverguide.com) / 800-453-1482)**

In cooperation with the host organization, you will be able to paddle with representatives from the ACA National Office, creating a better connection with those working daily on your behalf. In addition, a percentage of each registration fee goes directly to support the on-going efforts of the ACA on behalf of all paddlers to fulfill our mission of Education, Stewardship, Recreation & Competition. [Read more...](#)

## ***Paddle Safe & Paddle Often! Your ACA SEI & Outreach Staff***



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## ***Incidents*** (First Quarter: January - March 2011)

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*The reports below are collected from USCG Incident Reports. The information illustrates the need for instruction and you all doing the great job you do.*

*When you read through these, note how many of these "incidents" could be avoided by simple paddlesport safety education. Let's all make sure we are reaching the right folks with our safety messages.*

01-01-11 ANACORTES, WA Kayaker rescued near Guemes Island

<[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013825048\\_coastguard02m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013825048_coastguard02m.html)> Seattle Times (01-02-11) A young woman who tipped over in her kayak and was unable to get back inside was rescued by the USCG near Anacortes late Sat. afternoon (01-01). The kayaker was off Guemes Island just after 5 p.m. when island residents heard her yells for help. A mid-sized CG rescue boat in the area raced to the site and brought her to an aid unit waiting onshore. Nobody was injured, officials said.

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013825048\\_coastguard02m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013825048_coastguard02m.html)

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01-02-11 GUAM Paddler's body found: Rough waters leave 2 dead <<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20110104/NEWS01/101040302>>

guampdn.com (01-04-11) The noon church bells tolled as the body of 18-y/o Ryan Cepeda was carried off a rescue boat at the Gregorio Perez Marina to an ambulance. Cepeda was found about 100 yd. outside the reef, near where family, friends and lifeguards scanned the rough waters for any sight of the paddler, who had been missing for nearly 18 hr. He's the 2nd fatality in a paddling accident that occurred when an outrigger canoe with 5 others on board capsized in rough waters near the reef line in Tumon Bay late Sun. afternoon (01-02). Kayleen Mendiola, 21, also died in the accident. Cepeda and 2 others were thrown into the ocean past the reef, while the other 3 were thrown into the shallow waters and managed to swim back to shore on their own, said Michael Aguon, chief of EMS rescue operations for the Guam FD. A lone paddler in a kayak went out to try to help the others still in the water, but he, too, capsized in the high surf. A Navy helicopter, and Guam Police and Fire Rescue crews responded to the call and picked up the water-treading paddlers. The body of Mendiola, who was on the 6-man outrigger canoe, was recovered Sun. night. None of the paddlers were wearing floatation devices. "The water conditions that day were extremely hazardous. Getting up there was hard enough and getting back was even more difficult," Aguon said. Surf conditions on Guam yesterday and the day of the accident were as high as 14 ft., according to the Nat'l. Weather Service.

Boat search operations were suspended throughout Sun. night because of the hazardous waters but continued the following morning. At around 11:43 a.m. Mon. (01-03), Cepeda was located by a Navy helicopter, which coordinated with rescue boats to recover the body.

<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20110104/NEWS01/101040302> <<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20110104/NEWS01/101040302>>

01-02-11 SNOQUALAMIE, WA Renton man rescues capsized canoe from freezing Rattlesnake Lake

<[http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south\\_king/ren/news/113006974.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south_king/ren/news/113006974.html)> Snoqualamie Valley Reporter (01-06-11) A Renton man plunged into the near-freezing waters of Rattlesnake Lake Sun. afternoon (01-02) to rescue a capsized boater. Howard Hirshman said he was visiting the lake on a hike with his wife and dogs when he noticed a canoe in the lake, at around 2 p.m. A few minutes later, he said, "We saw somebody in front of the canoe in the water... he was actually trying to drag the canoe in." A witness calling 911 reported that the man was about 20 yd. from shore and about 100 yd. from the boat launch. Hirshman yelled to the man, asking him if he needed help, and then telling him to abandon the canoe and swim for shore. The man didn't respond for a long time, but kept trying to tow the canoe. "I think about 10 min. had passed," Hirshman said. By this time, the man wasn't swimming, just floating. He had a life-vest on under his sweater. Air temperatures had been in the 20s and 30s for several days before the incident, and the water, typically at 40 degrees in the winter, was near freezing. In those temperatures, exhaustion sets in within 15 min., and death from hypothermia is likely within 45 min. Hirshman pulled off his shoes and coat, swam out to the man, and pulled him to shore, and to a waiting group of bystanders. There was a woman there who had a number of blankets. People quickly stripped the man of his wet clothes and wrapped him in the blankets. The man was so cold, he couldn't speak. Hirshman, wearing only pants and a T-shirt, decided to go home and warm up instead of waiting to see how the man was. Gradually, the man recovered and the ambulance dispatched from Preston was cancelled. [http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south\\_king/ren/news/113006974.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south_king/ren/news/113006974.html)

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01-10-11 GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, AZ Kayaker Dies on River Trip in Grand Canyon

<<http://www.8newsnow.com/story/13821032/kayaker-dies-on-river-trip-in-grand-canyon>> 8newsnow.com (01-11-11) A kayaker has died while on a private river trip in Grand Canyon Nat'l. Park.

Park rangers were dispatched by helicopter about 11:40 a.m. Mon. (01-10) to help revive a man after his kayak overturned in the Colorado River just below President Harding Rapid. Members of the river trip began CPR on the man before rangers arrived. Authorities say attempts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Park officials say the man was in his 40s, but his name and hometown are being withheld until his relatives are notified. They say the body was flown to the canyon's South Rim and taken to the Coconino Co. Medical Examiner who will attempt to determine the cause of death.

<http://www.8newsnow.com/story/13821032/kayaker-dies-on-river-trip-in-grand-canyon>

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01-11-11 HARRISTOWN, IL Sangamon River search for canoeist continues <[http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--canoesearch\\_0\\_3078999\\_story](http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--canoesearch_0_3078999_story)>

fox2now.com (01-13-11) The 2nd day of a search for a man whose canoe was found overturned in the Sangamon River is ending with no new clues. The 50-y/o canoeist disappeared Tue. (01-11) after setting off on the river between Decatur and

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nearby Harristown. His canoe was found overturned and unsecured. Firefighters and Illinois DNR officers used 2 boats to search the river Thur. (01-13). Volunteers searched along the banks. Water was held back at the Lake Decatur Dam to lower the water level of the river and help the search. Authorities aren't naming the man at his family's request. Lt. James Root of the Macon Co. Emergency Management Agency says there's still hope the man will be found. <http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--canoesearch,0,3078999.story>  
<<http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--canoesearch,0,3078999.story>>

01-14-10 PENN COVE, WA Rescuers paddle out to save Penn Cove canoeist from drowning  
<[http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490\\_sound113652289.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490_sound113652289.html)> seattlepi.com (01-15-10) A man was rescued from the frigid waters of Penn Cove Fri. (01-14) after spending about 30 minutes clinging for his life to the side of a canoe. According to North Whidbey Fire and Rescue Operations Chief Henry Vanden Haak, emergency responders received a 911 call at about 3 p.m. about a man who had fallen out of his canoe near Kennedy Bay on Madrona Way. Vanden Haak, along with Battalion Chief Lyle Zimmerman and paramedics from Whidbey General Hospital, arrived on scene and saw the man holding on to the side of the canoe about 100 yards offshore. The fire dept's water rescue boat was dispatched and was en route from Oak Harbor Marina but the call was made not to wait. The man had already been in the water for at least 15 min. and it would take about that amount of time before the rescue boat was expected to arrive, which is enough time for hypothermia to set in. Whidbey General Hospital paramedic Ian Tully boarded a canoe with Madrona Way resident Mark Rasmussen and paddled out to the man. Fearing that an attempt to pull the man out of the water would cause their canoe to tip over, the two rescuers instead towed both the man and his canoe to shore. The man was so exhausted and cold that he could not stand on his own. Tully and Rasmussen hauled him up the beach to an awaiting ambulance. The man was attempting to board the canoe from a sailboat moored at the head of Penn Cove and apparently missed his step. Rasmussen jumped into action, hauling his own canoe to the beach while his brother called 911. The man, whose identity could not be released because of privacy concerns, was transported to Whidbey General Hospital following his rescue.  
[http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490\\_sound113652289.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490_sound113652289.html) <[http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490\\_sound113652289.html](http://www.seattlepi.com/sound/433490_sound113652289.html)>

01-22-11 TAMPA, FL Lakeland Man Dies Kayaking In Tampa Bay  
<<http://www.theledger.com/article/20110123/NEWS/101235037/1001/BUSINESS?Title=Lakeland-Man-Dies-Kayaking-In-Bay>> theledger.com (01-23-11) Wes Powe and Jerry Knight set out from the MacDill Air Force Base boat ramp Sat. morning (01-22) for a day of kayaking on Tampa Bay. It was a trip that would turn deadly for Knight, whose body was recovered Sun. afternoon (01-24) in the choppy waters S. of the Air Force base. When they set out, the sun was shining and the wind was brisk. Powe, 33, of Bartow, and Knight, 22, of Lakeland, began their journey about 11:30 a.m. and paddled around the peninsula in the NE section of Tampa Bay, according to the Florida FWC. Strong winds and rough seas separated the 2 about 1:20 p.m. Powe became exhausted and could paddle no more, FWC spokesman Gary Morse said. As winds pushed him into a shipping channel, Powe tied his kayak to a buoy. He never saw Knight again. Knight was reported missing at 4:30 p.m. after personnel on a ship saw Powe and alerted the Hillsborough Co. Sheriff's Office to his position off Gadsden Point. A Hillsborough sheriff's boat that had been escorting a ship in the bay went to Powe's rescue and radioed the USCG about Knight. A flotilla of boats were launched and helicopters scoured the bay for any sign of Knight, but the rescuers had no luck Sat., CG Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Simpson said. Multiple federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies conducted an exhaustive search. Early Sun., authorities spotted Knight's gray kayak on Beer Can Island several mi. E. of the base. Authorities searched the island, but found nothing. Simpson said the kayak appeared to have washed up on the island, with no indication that Knight had placed it there. Emergency rescue crews from the USCG, MacDill, the FWC, Tampa police and the Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee Co. Sheriff's Offices continued their difficult search. The passing cold front Sat. made conditions on the water challenging. And those conditions continued Sun. The search came to an end about 3:30 p.m. Sun. when a fisherman spotted Knight's body, wearing a life vest, near E. G. Simmons Park in Ruskin, S. of the base. An autopsy to determine Knight's cause of death will be performed by the Hillsborough Co. Medical Examiner's Office. While there were no outward signs as to the cause of Knight's death, Morse said it might have been hypothermia.  
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01-30-11 RALEIGH, NC Search for missing kayaker turns to recovery <<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7931041>>  
go.com (01-31-11) A search for a missing kayaker on Falls Lake has turned into a recovery effort. Authorities say 40-y/o Greg Feeter has been missing since launching from the Barton's Creek Boat Ramp off Six Forks Road on Sun. (01-30). Several witnesses reported hearing someone screaming for help on the lake Sun. "Last night around 7 p.m., we received a call that they were hearing someone cry for help," Wake Co. Sheriff Donnie Harrison said. Feeter's wife said when he did not return home, the Wake Co. Sheriff's Dept. launched an intense search with boats, helicopters and dogs. Feeter's empty kayak, a backpack and several other things have been found, but Feeter has not. Firefighters from several depts. have been out searching all day Mon. (01-31). The sheriff says the cold weather and water temperature pose challenges for searchers, and so does the area itself. "The area that we're looking in has a lot of stumps, debris on the bottom is anywhere from 10 ft. deeper, so that does create a lot of problems," Harrison said. The sheriff says a cadaver dog from Johnston Co. is being called in to assist in the effort. They are also expecting a sonar from Craven Co. to help them see the bottom of the lake.  
<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7931041> <<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7931041>>

02-05-11 SNELLVILLE, GA Body of missing kayaker in Norris Lake recovered  
<<http://www.gwinnettdaily.com/home/headlines/115491339.html>> Gwinnet Daily Post (02-07-11) Searchers pulled the body of a missing man from Norris Lake on Mon. afternoon (02-07), 2 days after the kayak he was in capsized. The 46-y/o man, whom officials have not identified, took the kayak on the lake Sat. afternoon (02-05). It capsized, and witnesses last saw him struggling to stay afloat, clinging to the overturned kayak before he went under. A work crew building a boat deck told authorities the man could not swim and was not wearing a life

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jacket. Two weekend searches that included dive teams Sat. were not successful. FD spokesman Capt. Thomas Rutledge said the body was found about 3:10 p.m., with the assistance of cadaver dogs, sonar devices and divers from Forsyth Co. Gwinnett and Forsyth firefighters pulled the body from the water and turned it over to the Gwinnett Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Four dives to recover the man's body were unsuccessful Sat. A search from the surface Sun. (02-06) was called off about 5 p.m. On Sat., water visibility was low, and the temperature was about 40 degrees. One diver experienced slight hypothermia during the search.

<http://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/home/headlines/115491339.html> <<http://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/home/headlines/115491339.html>>

02-12-11 SEATTLE, WA Police searching for missing Lake Washington kayaker

<[http://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=188764847802173&id=1398428298&ref=notif&notif\\_t=wall](http://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=188764847802173&id=1398428298&ref=notif&notif_t=wall)> Seattle Times (02-12-11) Police were searching Lake Washington Sat. evening (02-12) in hopes of finding a person who had been spotted falling out of a kayak, said Cmdr. Leslie Burns of the Mercer Island Police Dept. A witness, on shore, saw someone fall out of a kayak near the Newport Shores boat launch, about 200 yds. from land. The witness called authorities at about 3:45 p.m., after failing to see the person get back into the kayak. The Mercer Island police had 2 boats looking for the kayaker, and had asked for help from the Seattle Police Harbor Patrol and the USCG. Searchers found the kayak and the kayaker's skirt, but no life jacket, fueling hopes that perhaps the kayaker had made it to shore on his or her own. The search was likely to be suspended Sat. night because of darkness and would resume Sun. morning.

[http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2014209682\\_kayaker13m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2014209682_kayaker13m.html)  
<[http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2014209682\\_kayaker13m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2014209682_kayaker13m.html)>

02-12-11 LAKE MONROE, IN Kayaker rescued from icy Lake Monroe <[http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213\\_0\\_6904372.story](http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213_0_6904372.story)>

fox59.com (02-14-11) A Bloomington man is lucky to be alive after falling through the ice on Lake Monroe. Clinton Baker, 33, was on Lake Monroe Sat. (02-12) around 4 p.m. He picked up his kayak and attempted to walk across the ice, trying to find open water. However, the ice was too thin and he fell through. Fortunately, he was able to call 911 on his cell phone, while stuck in the frigid water. The dive team showed up at 4:10 p.m. and pulled him to safety around 6:15 p.m. Baker was rushed to Bloomington Hospital. He was released after his body temperature returned to normal. Rescue crews say it could have been worse if Baker wasn't wearing a wet suit, which helped regulate his body temperature. [http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213\\_0\\_6904372.story](http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213_0_6904372.story) <[http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213\\_0\\_6904372.story](http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-kayaker-rescued-from-icy-lake-monroe-20110213_0_6904372.story)>

02-18-11 LA JOLLA, CA Kayakers rescued off La Jolla Shores <<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/18/kayakers-rescued-la-jolla-shores/>> signonsandiego.com (02-18-11) Three kayakers were rescued Fri. morning (02-18) after high winds and rough ocean conditions pushed them a couple of mi. off La Jolla Shores, said San Diego lifeguards. A man and a woman, both 25, and a man who worked for a kayak rental company called for help about 11 a.m., said lifeguard Lt. John Everhart.

Lifeguards sent 2 small watercraft to bring the kayakers back to shore safely by 11:40 a.m. A gale-force warning was issued by the National Weather Service beginning at 1 p.m. on Fri. <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/18/kayakers-rescued-la-jolla-shores/> <<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/18/kayakers-rescued-la-jolla-shores/>>

02-19-11 WATTSBURG, PA Woman uninjured in kayak incident in French Creek

<<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011302199949>> goerie.com (02-19-11) A woman escaped injury after her kayak capsized Sat. (02-19) in French Creek near the Erie Co. Fairgrounds on Route 89 in Venango Township. Rescue crews responded at about 4 p.m. An Erie Co. 911 emergency dispatcher said the woman's kayak "flipped over." The woman was uninjured. After the woman's kayak overturned, she was able to swim to shore but became stranded on the far side of the shore. Crews from Wattsburg, Kuhl Hose Co., Union City, Corry and the Fuller Hose Co. dive team assisted in the rescue. <http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011302199949> <<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011302199949>>

02-26-11 PARKER FL kayaker, near hypothermia, rescued <<http://www.newsherald.com/news/experience-91552-fishing-kayak.html>>

newsherald.com (03-06-11) It was a good morning to go fishing, but if 21-y/o Max Bailey had it to do over again he probably would have stayed home. At the very least, Bailey says he would have double checked that kayak to make sure a life jacket was on board. Bailey, a Millville resident, grew up swimming and fishing in local waterways. He had taken the kayak out dozens of times before. But on Feb. 26, a current pushed his kayak out further than Bailey wanted to be. But when he turned the craft around, the kayak got hit by a wave and flipped over. Normally, the life jacket is hidden in part of the kayak, but it was not there this time. He was alone about 400 yd. out from Oak Shore Drive in a tipped over kayak and no way to get help. Bailey struggled for more than an hour to drag the kayak behind him and swim to shore. It was no use. He also signaled for help. Eventually, when no help arrived Bailey said his instincts kicked in. "I didn't know what to do," he said. "I jumped off the kayak and started swimming." However, he couldn't overpower the current to get back in and eventually decided to free float in the water. "All I remember is my head going under the water and being pulled out by somebody," he added. It was the Parker FD. They had arrived just in time to save the young fisherman from drowning. Bailey woke up in the hospital. He had been close to hypothermia and the doctors kept him there for several hr. in a body warmer. <http://www.newsherald.com/news/experience-91552-fishing-kayak.htm> <<http://www.newsherald.com/news/experience-91552-fishing-kayak.html>>

03-03-11 WASHINGTON D.C. Overturned Rowers Rescued From Potomac <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hains\\_Point](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hains_Point)> nbcwashington.com (03-3-11) Two crew boats loaded with rowers overturned on the Potomac River Wed. afternoon (03-03). The incident happened around 4:30 p.m. near Hains Point in the Washington Channel. About 20 rowers from the crew team at McLean High School in Virginia were dumped into the

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water Fire dept. spokesman Pete Piringier said that rescue crews were able to respond quickly. The fire boat John Glenn was in the area and was the first to arrive at the scene. Some of the rowers were able to swim to shore, but many were pulled from the river by rescuers aboard fire boats. Emergency medical staff was on the shore ready to treat for hypothermia or other injuries. Authorities said the victims were in the water for 15 minutes. <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/117269848.html> <<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/117269848.html>>

03-06-11 NIAGARA FALLS, NY Canoe sinks, boaters charged <<http://niagara-gazette.com/policerreports/atom>> Niagara Gazette (03-09-11) Three men were charged with a violation of failure to have a flotation device while on a boat after Wilson and Ransomville rescue squads saved them from their overturned canoe Sun. (03-06). Gerry Hansen, 20, Niagara Falls; Michael Paul, 23, Niagara Falls; and Matthew Morreale, 20, Tonawanda, were the passengers charged. Niagara Co. Sheriff's deputies said they responded to Twelvemile Creek in Wilson for a report that a canoe tipped over in the freezing water. The 3 were transported to St. Mary's Hosp. for treatment, but later released. The canoe was not recovered from the creek. <http://niagara-gazette.com/policerreports/atom> <<http://niagara-gazette.com/policerreports/atom>>

03-08-11 ROXBORO, NC Body of missing Roxboro boater recovered <[http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/9238953/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9238953/)> wral.com (03-10-11) The body of a missing boater from Roxboro, whose canoe capsized in January, was recovered Tue. morning (03-08) in Mayo Lake, according to the Person Co. Sheriff's Office. The part of the lake where the body of Chad Lee Napier, 32, was found had been searched several times before, authorities said, but cold water temperatures had hindered previous search efforts. Napier and another man were boating on Mayo Lake in Roxboro on Jan. 31 when their canoe tipped over. Authorities said the other man made it back to shore and called for help. [http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/9238953/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9238953/) <[http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/9238953/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9238953/)>

03-12-11 SHANENDOAH, IA Man Drowns After Kayak Flips Over In Shenandoah <<http://www.ketv.com/r/27174548/detail.html>> ketv.com (03-12-11) The Page Co. Sheriff's Office said a man died Sat. (03-12) after his kayak flipped over in Shenandoah. Deputies said Fon Takara Fominyen, 32, was taking advantage of the nice weather by kayaking in the waters of Rapp Park, off of Highway 48, when his kayak flipped over. Deputies said a witness saw Fominyen's kayak upside-down and called 911. Responding officers said they saw Fominyen struggling to stay above water when they got there, then he went under about 150 meters from shore. Officers said they immediately administered CPR when they got to Fominyen. Deputies said Fominyen was taken to the Nebraska Med. Center via a helicopter, where he was pronounced dead. <http://www.ketv.com/r/27174548/detail.html>

03-15-11 MOUNT JULIET, TN Missing Fisherman Found Dead In Mount Juliet <<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/12/30/3103595.htm>> wsmv.com (03-16-11) The Wilson Co. Sheriff's Dept. said Jeffery Damon Lea, 38, was fishing in the Longbranch area near Benders Ferry when he vanished at about noon Tue. (03-15). Rescuers found Lea's canoe at the bottom of the lake Wed. at about 7:30 a.m. He had apparently been fishing when the canoe capsized. Sheriff Terry Ashe said Lea had been camping near the Longbranch recreation area in Mount Juliet for several days. Ashe said Lea was not wearing a life vest and that Tue. weather and cold front likely caused his boat to flip. <http://www.wsmv.com/news/27211542/detail.html> <<http://www.wsmv.com/news/27211542/detail.html>>

03-15-11 TACOMA, WA Tacoma fire boat rescues man after kayak overturns in Puget Sound <<http://blog.thenewtribune.com/crime/2011/03/15/tacoma-fire-boat-rescues-man-after-kayak-overturns-in-puget-sound/>> thenewtribune.com (03-15-11) Tacoma firefighters rescued a man stranded in the water off Browns Point early Tue. (03-15) after his kayak overturned. A crew aboard the fire boat Commencement transported the man to shore shortly after 4:30 a.m. He was taken to a local hospital for evaluation, fire spokesman Joe Meinecke said. The man had been wearing a life jacket. It was not immediately known why the man was in the water in the middle of the night or how he got stranded. He'd been out with a canoe and kayak that were tied together with a 15-ft. rope. The incident woke up several residents in the Browns Point area, including Louie and Debbie Key. The two were sound asleep in their Browns Point home when Debbie Key awoke to a noise outside about 3:40 a.m. They could hear someone calling for help, Louie Key said. "You could tell this was a genuine terror-stricken yell for help," he said. The couple opened their sliding glass door as they tried to figure out what was going on and where. The water was calm. "It was pitch dark," Louie Key said. "(There were) overcast clouds so there wasn't any moonlight." Louie Key got in his car and drove to the Browns Point Lighthouse while his wife called 911. Armed with a flashlight, Louie Key walked down to the beach area and spotted another couple who had also heard the cries for help. As they looked around, a Tacoma police officer drove up. The officer told the neighbors that a man had called 911 after his kayak overturned. He was stranded in the water and adrift. Louie Key and one of the neighbors got into Key's motorboat and headed out into the water in search of the man. Meanwhile, Debbie Key stood on the couple's patio with a pair of binoculars. She spotted the man stranded in the water and called Louie Key on his cell phone to provide guidance. Louie Key said an anchored cargo ship turned on its lights. The fire boat also was searching the water. The stranded man was found a short time later. The fire boat crew pulled him out of the water as Louie Key pulled up. <http://blog.thenewtribune.com/crime/2011/03/15/tacoma-fire-boat-rescues-man-after-kayak-overturns-in-puget-sound/#ixzz1GuApF2p7> <<http://blog.thenewtribune.com/crime/2011/03/15/tacoma-fire-boat-rescues-man-after-kayak-overturns-in-puget-sound/#ixzz1GuApF2p7>>

03-17-11 JEFFERSON COUNTY, NY Man found dead underneath capsized kayak <[http://centralny.ynn.com/content/all\\_news/536992/man-found-dead-underneath-capsized-kayak/](http://centralny.ynn.com/content/all_news/536992/man-found-dead-underneath-capsized-kayak/)> centralny.com (03-17-11) State Police say a man found dead underneath his capsized kayak in Jefferson County apparently drowned. Mark Tamkus, 62, of Redwood, was found in a small area of open water near his home on Millsite Lake around 3 p.m. Thu. (03-17). His family had reported him missing earlier in the day. Police say the cause of his death appears to be an accidental

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03-18-11 YAKIMA, WA Three Teens Rescued After Canoe Tips Over <<http://www.kapptv.com/article/2011/mar/18/three-teens-rescued-after->> kapptv.com (03-18-11) Three teenagers are rescued after their canoe tips over in a Lower Valley creek Fri. afternoon (03-18). Rescue crews say the teens were canoeing on Satus Creek S. of Granger about a mile W. upstream. The canoe hit some hidden tree branches and flipped, sending them into the water. They managed to get out of the water, and called 911 for help. Crews say creeks are dangerous right now because of spring runoff. "The water's moving pretty good, and there's a lot of trees, lot of debris in the creek right now that's blocking the creek, and with a canoe's being pretty unstable anyway, it was pretty tough for them just to keep the thing upright as it was," says Capt. Dave Martin. Crews were called because the teens ended up on both sides of the creek. We're told they are cold and wet, but should be O.K.  
<http://www.kapptv.com/article/2011/mar/18/three-teens-rescued-after->

03-20-11 MAYO, FL Lake City man goes missing in Suwannee near Mayo <<http://suwanneedemocrat.com/local/x814643579/Search-is-on-for-missing-boater>> Suwannee Democrat (03-21-11) A man is missing after his kayak overturned during a family outing on the Suwannee River near Mayo on Sun. (03-20). The Lafayette Co. Sheriff's Dept. and the Florida FWC responded and are searching to locate the missing boater, Robert Vicenzi, 45, of Lake City, said Lafayette Sheriff Brian Lamb and Florida FWC spokeswoman Karen Parker. Parker said Vicenzi was kayaking with family when his father-in-law noticed his kayak had overturned as he paddled upstream. FWC was notified at 6:05 p.m. Sun., said Parker. FWC as well as dive and search teams from Lafayette, Columbia, Dixie and Suwannee counties were taking part in the search for the missing kayaker. <http://suwanneedemocrat.com/local/x814643579/Search-is-on-for-missing-boater>

03-27-11 MANASQUAN, NJ Victim OK After Kayak Overturns In Manasquan River <<http://brick.patch.com/articles/victim-ok-after-kayak-overturns>> brick.patch.com (03-27-11) A kayaker is safe after being rescued from the chilly waters of the Manasquan River after his boat overturned Sun. afternoon (03-27). The kayak overturned shortly after 4:30 p.m. in the narrows of the river on the Brick side. The narrows are notoriously shallow even within the main boat channel. Rescue crews from Laurelton Fire Co., Pioneer Hose Fire Co., Herbertsville Fire Co., Point Pleasant FD, the New Jersey State Police Marine Services Bureau and the USCG responded. A member of the Laurelton Fire Com. at the scene said the victim's kayak overturned and the operator of the boat became stuck in the mud, but was safely rescued and taken to Lightning Jack's No. 3 Marina. A rescue swimmer reached the kayaker and helped him climb on top of the overturned kayak, then made their way to Lightning Jack's, where an ambulance was waiting to transport him to Jersey Shore Univ. Med. Center in Neptune. The Coast Guard was already en route when fire departments were dispatched. <http://brick.patch.com/articles/victim-ok-after-kayak-overturned>

03-31-11 BEAVER LAKE, AR Chicago Teen Dies On Beaver Lake <<http://www.4029tv.com/r/27390418/detail.html>> 4029TV.CO (04-01-11) Benton Co. divers recovered a teenager's body Thursday. Deputies said 3 teens from Chicago were out on Beaver Lake early Thur. morning (03-31). Starky Marina neighbors called 911 to report they were making a racket. When officers arrived, the 2-person kayak was tipped over. Officers believe the 3 were all in the kayak when it tipped over. But only 2 were able to stay afloat.  
<http://www.4029tv.com/r/27390418/detail.html>

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